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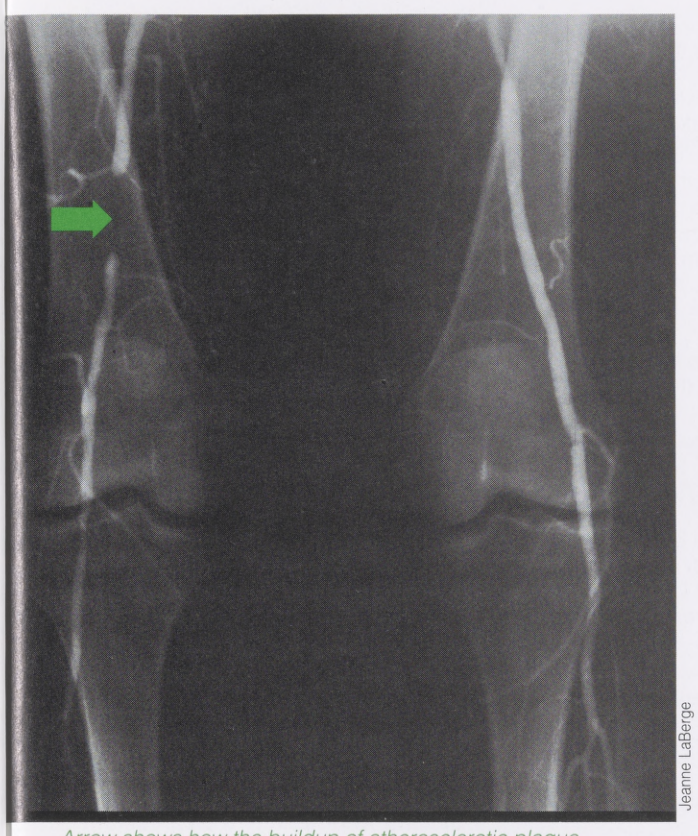
New Daiichi Research Center



Jeanne LaBerge

Arrow shows how the buildup of atherosclerotic plaque has totally blocked the popliteal artery supplying blood to the left leg. A similar process can block blood flow to the heart and other vital organs.

A new research center for the study of cardiovascular disease has been established at UCSF thanks to a $19.8 million investment from Daiichi Pharmaceutical Co., Ltd., of Tokyo, Japan. The company is providing over five years of funding for the Daiichi Research Center, which will allow UCSF scientists to explore new research into illnesses that affect the heart and blood vessels. The goal is an improved understanding of the molecular basis for the physiological events associated with atherosclerosis.

Atherosclerosis, the deposition of cells, connective tissue and fatty deposits in major arteries, is responsible for one-fifth of all deaths in Japan and one-third of all deaths in the U.S.

The deposits in the arteries cause them to become clogged and hardened, leading to a restriction of blood flow to vital organs, especially to the heart. Current treatment for atherosclerosis typically begins only after the disease has progressed to a late stage, and often involves invasive surgery to restore blood flow. Daiichi, recognizing the crucial role that basic biological research plays in the development of novel diagnostic and therapeutic methods, believes that new findings from the research center might eventually lead to new products to improve or maintain human health.

The center will be led by Lewis T. "Rusty" Williams, director of the UCSF Cardiovascular Research Institute. Williams is well known for his discoveries of growth factors and their cellular targets, including factors that play a role in the development of atherosclerosis.

Country Faces Shortage of Dentists

Despite remarkable progress in preventing and treating tooth decay and other oral health problems in recent years, major challenges remain for the country to provide all Americans with the oral health care that is an essential part of overall health, warns John C. Greene, DMD, MDP, dean of the UCSF School of Dentistry.

"With a concurrent population growth and a decrease in the number of dentists graduating each year, there now is a declining dentist-to-population ratio. It is now predicted that there again will be a shortage of dentists in the U.S. by the end of this decade, or at least in the early part of the next decade," Greene told participants at the first Congress of Health Professions Educators meeting earlier this summer.

If current trends continue, the ratio of dentists to the general population will decline to the level that existed at the end of World War I. It will be even worse in some areas, including California.

Reasons for the shift include a drop of more than a third in the number of student positions in dental schools over the past 14 years (from 6,301 first-year students in 1978 to fewer than 4,000 now) and an increase in the population, including an influx of immigrants from countries where neither fluoride nor proper dental care has been available, Greene says. Tooth decay, gum disease, and tooth loss continue to be among the most prevalent of all chronic health problems, he notes.

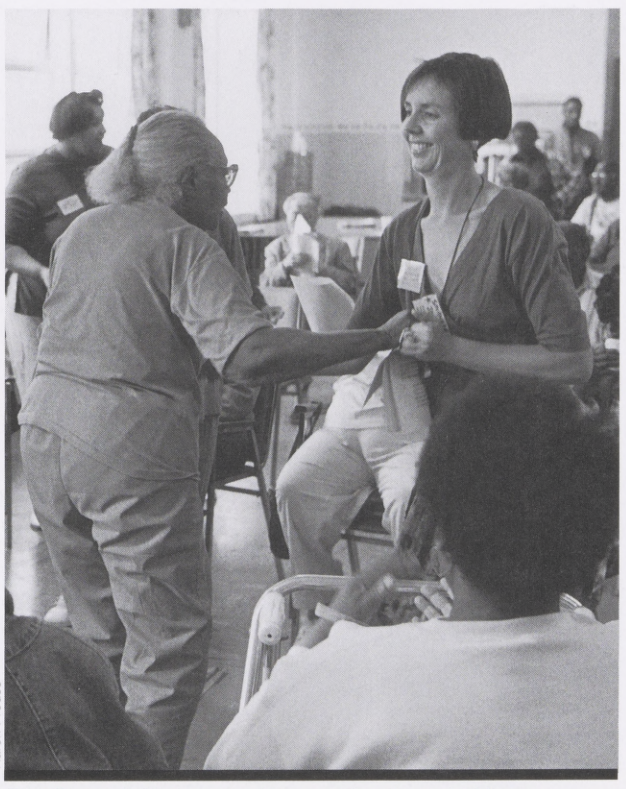
Artworks Makes a Difference for Frail Older Adults

On any given day in San Francisco, you may find a professional musician showing older adults how to write songs, an actress working with the elderly on theatrical poetry readings and a visual artist working one-on-one in the Marina home of a frail older woman.

These are just a few examples of Artworks, a program of the UCSF/Mount Zion Center on Aging, an affiliate of the Mount Zion Institute on Aging and UCSF. Located at 3330 Geary Blvd., Artworks has a staff of six professional musicians, writers, visual artists and actors who work with frail older adults in the comfort of their home or in group settings at residential and adult day health centers throughout San Francisco, according to Jeff Chapline, who directs the program.

A key moment in working with frail older adults is the "breakthrough" point when the client starts to open up and expresses herself or himself. "This empowering process is critical to their health and welfare," Chapline says.

Artworks serves about 400 frail older adults a year and has been a part of the Mount Zion Institute on Aging for over 13 years. The professional artists conduct 14-week sessions at residential and adult day health centers and 12-week one-on-one sessions with homebound older adults. At the end of the sessions, a performance or exhibition is held in San Francisco to showcase the projects. The next sessions are scheduled to start in October. For further information call 750-4187.



Karen Preuss

Pilar Rivera (left) dances with recreation therapist Megan McMahon during a "Songs of Our Lives" performance at the Bayview-Hunters Point Adult Day Health Center. Under musician Paul Finocchiaro's guidance, the 50 African-American adults wrote four original songs.

In Brief

Prostate Cancer Screenings

Free screenings for prostate cancer will be held on Wednesday, September 22, in the UCSF Urology Clinic, Ambulatory Care Center, 400 Parnassus, Rm. 610, and at Mount Zion on Monday, September 27, in the Outpatient Clinic, 1600 Divisadero. The screenings, held from 9 a.m. to noon and 1 to 4 p.m., are open to all men over the age of 50 and include a digital rectal exam and a blood test. Men between the ages of 40 and 49 may participate if they have a family history of prostate cancer or if they are African American. For further information call 502-0916.

Volunteers Needed for Smoking, Depression Study

Volunteers who have been diagnosed with a major depression in the past and those who have no such history are needed for a San Francisco VA Medical Center program to help people stop smoking. The study is looking at whether psychological treatments and a drug used to treat depression, headaches and pain can help people kick the habit. Men and women between 18 and 65 who smoke at least 10 cigarettes a day may be eligible. For more information, call medical psychologist Sharon Hall, PhD, at 476-7674.

Study on Children of Lesbian Moms

Teenage volunteers are being sought to participate in a study on growing up with a lesbian mother. Participants must be between 12 and 16 years old and live with her or his biological mother, who is a lesbian and has disclosed her sexual orientation to the child. Parental consent is required. The research data, all of which will be kept confidential, will be useful for developing support groups for adolescents of lesbian and gay-headed households, a school curriculum that includes representation of these households, and programs to improve sensitivity and awareness of health care providers and teachers. Study coordinator is pediatrics fellow Tamar Gershon, MD. For further information call 476-1777.

"Best of the Best"

The UCSF Medical Center again is on the "Best of the Best" list, a report annually compiled by *U.S. News & World Report* which rates America's hospitals. UCSF was rated seventh in the national ranking, and was cited among the top 10 in 7 specialties: AIDS, cardiology, endocrinology, gastroenterology, neurology, ophthalmology and pediatrics. San Francisco General Hospital was rated the best AIDS hospital in the country.

Two New Medical Office Buildings at Mount Zion

The UC Regents have approved Mount Zion's plan to purchase two medical office buildings after private developers complete construction according to UC specifications. Plans call for a five-story building with about 49,500 square feet to be built at 2400 Sutter and a six-story facility with about 44,230 square feet to be built at 2330 Post. If everything goes as scheduled, construction should be completed by late 1995.

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What's happening

September/October
A bimonthly calenda
events at UC San Fr

Special Events

Sponsored by Millberry Arts & Performances unless otherwise noted. Call 476-2542.

Wed., Sept. 1
UCSF "Children for Children" Fashion Show. Luncheon & fashion show sponsored by Nordstrom & UCSF Hospitals Auxiliary. Ritz Carlton. Reception, 10:30 a.m. Call 476-4906.

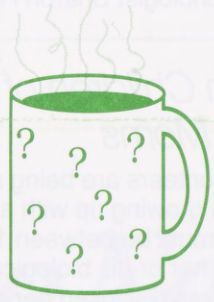
Thurs., Sept. 2
Second Annual Chili Cook-Off & Salsa Contest. Buy a tasting kit and help decide who is the best cook on campus. Sponsored by EMPACT! Millberry Gym, 500 Parnassus. Noon-1 p.m. Call 476-2675.

Sat., Sept. 11
Save-a-Life Saturday. Learn CPR before the SF Giants play the St. Louis Cardinals. Free game ticket & more. Co-sponsored by Center for Pre-Hospital Research & Training. Candlestick Park. Call 1-800-GIVE CPR.

Sat., Sept. 18
African-American Health Care Forum. Talks on health care, diseases & issues affecting African Americans. Sponsored by Public Affairs. Ella Hill Hutch Community Cntr., 1050 McAllister. Call 476-3208 to pre-register.

Thurs.-Sat., Sept. 23-25
"Independence." The Parnassus Players present Lee Blessing's play about a mother, her three daughters and their struggle to balance family ties and personal lives. Toland Hall, 533 Parnassus. Sept. 23 & 24, 7 p.m. Sept. 25, 2 p.m.

Sat., Sept. 25 & Oct. 30
Tues., Sept. 28
Coffee & Conversation. For Catholics with questions about apathy, divorce, birth control, guilt & gay & lesbian concerns. Co-sponsored by Landberg Cntr. for Health & Ministry. Old St. Mary's, 614 Grant Ave. Sept. 25 & Oct. 30, 10 a.m.-noon. Sept. 28 & Nov. 4, 7-9 p.m. Call 986-4388.



Fri., Oct. 1
Plaza Pulse Noontime Concert Series. Featuring BIG BONES. Plaza Grill, 500 Parnassus. Noon.

Poetry on Paranssus. One in a continuing series of Friday afternoon poetry readings. Toland Hall, 533 Parnassus. 4 p.m.

Mon. & Tues., Oct. 4 & 5
Fifth Annual Faculty/Staff Art Show. Millberry Conf. Ctnr., 500 Parnassus. 10 a.m.-6 p.m. Opening reception on Mon., Oct. 4, at 4 p.m.

Tues., Oct. 5
Sexual Assault Awareness & Prevention for Women & Men. Co-sponsored by Health Net & UCSF Rape Prev. Educ. Prog. Rm. 455, Ambulatory Care Center, 400 Parnassus. 6-7:30 p.m. Call 476-0373 to register.

Wed., Oct. 6
Children's Art Show. Featuring art by children of UCSF staff, students & faculty. Millberry Conf. Cntr., 500 Parnassus. 10 a.m.-6 p.m.

Female Physicians in Nazi Germany: Self-Image & Professional Role. Sponsored by Dept. Hist. Health Sciences. Rm. 456, 533 Parnassus. Noon-1 p.m. Call 476-2766.

Thurs. & Fri., Oct. 7 & 8
HIV Update: Women & HIV. Open to health care professionals. Sponsored by UCSF Dept. of Medicine, SF Dept. of Public Health & Centers for Disease Control & Prevention. Palace of Fine Arts Theatre. Call 554-9630.

Wed., Oct. 13
Linking the Public to the Emergency Public Health Care System: A University-Community Partnership. UC Health Net Wellness Lecture. Toland Hall, 533 Parnassus. 3-5 p.m. Call 476-9897.

Music in the Library Recital Series. Lange Reading Rm., UCSF Library, 530 Parnassus. 5:30 p.m. Call 476-2542 for details.

Fri., Oct. 29
Eighth Annual Halloween Festival. Pumpkin carving & costume contests, plus live entertainment. Sponsored by Millberry Programs & Services & EMPACT! Millberry Gym, 500 Parnassus. 11:30 a.m.-1:30 p.m.

Women's Programs

Events sponsored by the Women's Resource Center unless otherwise noted. Call 476-5222 for more information and to register for workshops.

Sat., Sept. 18
Self-Defense for Women. Learn street-wise personal safety, defense and escape methods. Sponsored by Rape Prev. Educ. Prog. $35/65. Millberry Fitness Cntr., 500 Parnassus. 10:30 a.m.-5:30 p.m.

Tues., Sept. 21
Not Just Black & White: A Necessary Dialogue About Interracial Racism. Panel discussion about the roots of interracial racism and how to create an understanding, respectful and cohesive alliance among a diverse community. Toland Hall, 533 Parnassus. 7-9 p.m.

Thurs., Sept. 30
Our Choices: Women's Personal Decisions About Abortion. Book reading & discussion. Toland Hall, 533 Parnassus. Noon-1 p.m.

Thurs., Oct. 14
Are You Ready to Start Your Own Business? Learn about self-employment or expanding an existing business. Toland Hall, 533 Parnassus. Noon-1 p.m.

Sat., Oct. 16
Basic Carpentry Workshop. Learn names and uses of hand and power tools, basic carpentry skills and safety. $45-60. Rm. 517, Nursing Bldg., enter through 521 Parnassus. 9 a.m.-4 p.m.

Fri. & Sat., Oct. 22 & 23
Workshop: The Challenge of Leadership for Women. Explore the obstacles to and challenges of assuming leadership roles. $75. Rm. 517, Nursing Bldg., enter through 521 Parnassus. Oct. 22, 7-9 p.m. Oct. 23, 9:30 a.m.-4:30 p.m.

Tues., Oct. 26
Politics & Gender Bias in Health Care: How Different Things Would Be If Elizabeth Blackwell & Lillian Wald Were in Charge. Rm. 701, Clinical Sciences, 521 Parnassus. Noon-1 p.m.

Parnassus Public Hearing

Thurs., Sept. 9
UCSF holds a public hearing to consider the Draft Environmental Impact Report for a new Central Utilities Plant to replace the outdated power plant at the main Parnassus Heights campus. Toland Hall, 533 Parnassus. 7 p.m. Call 476-3206 for details.

Mount Zion Community Meetings

An ongoing series of meetings to keep the community apprised of activities of interest and to listen to neighborhood concerns. Held the fourth Tuesday of each month. The next meeting will be held on **Tues., Sept. 28.** Herbst Hall, UCSF/Mount Zion, 1600 Divisadero. 7 p.m. Call 476-3206.

Breast Cancer Screening

Women can have low-cost mammograms — X-rays to screen for breast cancer — from a mobile van that travels to convenient Bay Area locations. The procedure takes approximately 20 minutes and costs $60. Your physician's approval is required, plus his/her full name, address & telephone number to assure results are mailed promptly. Appointments must be made at least one month to six weeks in advance. Find out when the van will be in your neighborhood by calling 476-2193 between 9 a.m. and 3 p.m., Monday through Friday. A $60 mammography screening also is available at the UCSF/Mount Zion Medical Center Radiology Department. Call 885-7465.

Volunteer Orientation

Program to acquaint prospective volunteers with opportunities available in the Medical Center at UCSF. LPPI Auditorium, 401 Parnassus (P), and at UCSF/Mount Zion in Herbst Hall, 1600 Divisadero (MZ). Call 476-1196 (P) or 885-7353 (MZ).

Wed., Sept. 1, 5:30-8:30 p.m. (P)
Tues., Sept. 7, 9 a.m.-noon. (P)
Tues., Sept. 14, 5:30-8:30 p.m. (P)
Wed., Sept. 15, 9-11:30 a.m. (MZ)
Wed., Sept. 29, 5-7:30 p.m. (MZ)
Tues., Oct. 12, 9-11:30 a.m. (MZ)
Tues., Oct. 19, 9 a.m.-noon. (P)
Thurs., Oct. 21, 5:30-8:30 p.m. (P)
Wed., Oct. 27, 5-7:30 p.m. (MZ)

Cancer Referral Hotline

The UCSF Cancer Referral Service enables cancer patients to place just one telephone call and learn the names of UCSF doctors specializing in the kind of treatment they need. Call 1-800-888-8664.

Lakeside Senior Medical Center Series

Free lectures held on Wednesdays at 10 a.m. at Lakeside Presbyterian Church, corner of Eucalyptus & 19th Ave., near Stonestown. Call 586-8600.

Sept. 8
The Laser: A New Technology for Dentistry.

Sept. 15
New Options for Long-Term Care.

Sept. 22
Understanding Hearing Loss.

Oct. 6
Moving Through Fear. Dealing with anxiety & improving the quality of life.

Oct. 13
Aesthetic Facial Surgery. The benefits of cosmetic surgery.

Oct. 20
Yoga for Physical, Spiritual & Mental Health.

Art Exhibits

Chrysanthemum #9 by Noriko Hasegawa

Sept. 2-Oct. 24.
Monoprints & Watercolors by Allis Teegarden & Noriko Hasegawa. On display at the Faculty/Alumni House, 745 Parnassus. Open weekdays or by appointment. Call 476-4723. Opening reception for artists on Thurs., Sept. 9. 5-7:30 p.m.

Hospitals Auxiliary Art Exhibit. On display in the lobby of Moffitt/Long Hospitals, 505 Parnassus, during September and October will be original etchings and monoprints. A portion of all proceeds benefits patients at the Medical Center at UCSF. To purchase or reserve work, visit the Auxiliary Office, Rm. 182, Moffitt Hospital, 505 Parnassus, 9 a.m.-4 p.m., or call 476-4906.

Cole Hall Cinema

Cole Hall Cinema will be closed through the end of 1993, with plans to reopen in January 1994. Thank you for your patience. Call 476-2542 for further information.

Brown Bag Lectures

A series of free lectures held weekly at noon on Wednesdays in Rm. 300, Health Sciences West, enter through 513 Parnassus (P); monthly on Thursdays in Rm. 125, UCSF-Mission Center Building (MCB), 1855 Folsom St.; and monthly on Tuesdays in Herbst Hall, UCSF/Mount Zion (MZ), 1600 Divisadero. Call 476-4394.

Sept. 1
Winning at the Job & Salary Game. (P)

Sept. 8
There Is No Magic. The key to quality health care is open talk with your provider. (P)

Sept. 15
How to Preserve Your Estate. Learn how to leave your estate to the people you choose. (P)

Sept. 21
An Update on Eating Disorders. (MZ)

Sept. 22
Tobacco: Biology & Politics. The effects of corporate actions on the public's health. (P)

Sept. 23
Prostate Disease & Surgery: What You Should Know. (MCB)

Sept. 29
Change: An Opportunity for Growth. Finding creative solutions to the challenges change brings to our lives. (P)

Oct. 6
Dealing with Anxiety & Depression. How to identify problems, cope & seek help. (P)

Oct. 13
How Not to Be a Victim. (P)

Oct. 19
Cancer: Where's the Cure? (MZ)

Oct. 20
The Truth About Athlete's Knee. (P)

Oct. 21
Role of Estrogen in Women's Health. (MCB)

Oct. 27
In Pursuit of Normal Face. Changes in facial appearance as a result of modern surgical techniques. (P)

LRDP Workshop

Tues., Sept. 21
To inform the Western Addition community and solicit ideas about UCSF's Long Range Development Plan. Japanese Cultural & Community Center, 1840 Sutter Street. 6:45 p.m. Call 476-3206 for details.

Outdoors Unlimited

Outdoors Unlimited is a cooperative resource center for outdoor recreation and adventure, serving both the UCSF campus and the general public. It provides skills training, equipment rentals, trip planning information and a place to meet others with similar interests. Call 476-2078 for a free brochure.

Thurs., Sept. 30
Full Moon Paddle. This gentle paddle from Sausalito to Tiburon and back is a great way for first time paddlers to experience sea kayaking. Call for details.

Sat., Oct. 2
Whitewater Rafting: Clean-up Day. Free boating day for anyone willing to help clean up the South Fork of the American River. Call for details.

Look Good, Feel Better

This program provides expert advice on makeup, wigs & the use of turbans to people who have undergone chemotherapy or radiation and have lost or are losing their hair. Held the first Monday of each month in the 11 Long Solarium, Long Hospital, 505 Parnassus. Co-sponsored by the American Cancer Society and supported by the Donna Smith Fund. Call 476-1383.

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Institute of Healing Arts & Sciences

All talks are free and held on Fridays at noon in Rm. 1364, Medical Science Bldg., 513 Parnassus. Call 584-4416 for details.

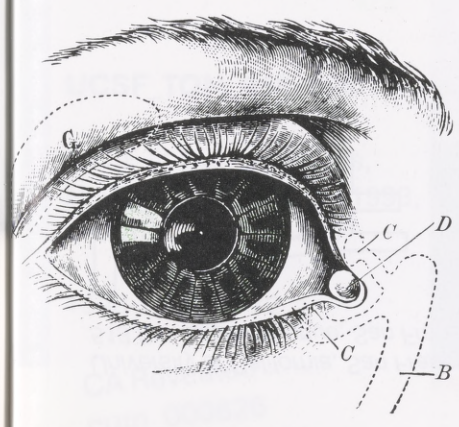
Sept. 10
Secrets from Around the World to Rebuild Your Immune System. Explore holistic health and therapies.

Sept. 17
Healing Treasures of Africa.

Sept. 24
Traditional Chinese Medicine.

Oct. 1
How to Drive Your Own Bus. Discover techniques to achieve your goals. Followed by a workshop on Sat., Oct. 9.

Oct. 8
Multiple Personality Disorder: Introduction & Overview.



Oct. 15
Natural Eyesight Improvement.

Oct. 22
Waiting for the Physician...Or Someone Like Him. Health education in non-traditional settings & physician as activist.

Oct. 29
The Physical Body: Friend or Foe? Learn to establish a better relationship with your body.

AIDS Programs

Sponsored by UCSF AIDS Health Project. For more information call 476-3902.

Tues.-Sat., Oct. 19-23
Sixth National AIDS Update Conference. Co-sponsored by regional and national health care providers. Continuing education credit available. Call 255-1294.

Living with HIV Public Forums. Call for schedule.

Individual Risk Assessments & Referrals. By appointment. Free.

Positives Being Positive. Anonymous support groups in the community for people who have tested HIV positive but have not developed symptoms of AIDS.

Other Support Groups. Drop-in & eight-week facilitated groups for men & women with AIDS or HIV infection, in a risk group or otherwise affected.

Recreation & Fitness

Millberry Fitness Center offers over 50 classes a week for all ages, abilities, interests & body types. Call 476-1115 for registration date in September and a free brochure.

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Ovarian cancer is especially hard to diagnose. And symptoms often do not show up until very advanced stages.

The Trinity Alps?

Or maybe Mount Shasta. That's the biggest question facing Maxine Auerbach at the moment as she plans a backpacking trip with her two grown daughters.

Making this decision is a pleasure. But that isn't true of all the other decisions this fit and vital lawyer in her fifties has been forced to make since she was diagnosed with ovarian cancer two years ago. Chemotherapy in Europe? Radiation? A second surgery? — just to name a few.

The uncertainty started more than two years ago when, during a routine examination, Maxine's gynecologist felt a lump on her right side. A sonogram showed a mass on Maxine's ovary, possibly cancerous. Ovarian cancer is especially hard to diagnose. And symptoms often do not show up until very advanced stages — a fact that explains why ovarian cancer is the nation's number one gynecological killer.

Not long after the sonogram, Maxine first heard of UCSF/Mount Zion gynecological oncologist Jeffrey Stern, MD. Stern is one of a handful of physicians in the Bay Area who regularly treats ovarian cancer. In June 1991, Stern performed surgery. There was no doubt that the tumor was cancerous and that it had spread. Stern removed Maxine's ovaries, uterus and Fallopian tubes as well as tiny, tumor-like growths from her diaphragm and pelvis.

Maxine began chemotherapy right away, undergoing six nausea-inducing treatments over the next five months. Stern then performed another diagnostic test, which revealed more cancer cells in her abdomen. More chemotherapy followed. This time the side effects were worse: hearing loss and a temporary loss of feeling in her feet which made it hard for Maxine to get up and down the stairs of her Oakland home.

Following the second round of chemotherapy, Maxine was faced with another decision — whether or not to have a "second look" operation. In a second look, the surgeon takes about two dozen biopsies, making the results far more definitive than those of less invasive MRI scans or blood tests. But it also is a major operation, just like Maxine's initial surgery.

Though deeply ambivalent, Maxine decided to go ahead. "I couldn't stand the uncertainty," she says. "I wanted to know." The news that March of 1992 was not good. Stern discovered more cancer.

Maxine's next step was to try more chemotherapy. But the drugs available in the U.S. held out little hope. A promising new chemotherapeutic drug called taxol, however, was widely available in Europe. When Maxine could not join any of the experimental taxol studies in the U.S. she and her husband, John Denvir, moved to Brussels for five months of treatment.

The taxol treatment failed. A MRI scan at UCSF/Mount Zion a month after Maxine's return revealed a swollen lymph node in the right groin, a node that further testing confirmed was cancerous.

The emotional roller coaster of promise and despair was taking its toll on Maxine, who found a new perspective in her most anxious moments. "I stopped feeling desperate about finding that magic potion and decided to start living my life as fully as I could for as long as I could." At the same time, she pursued whatever treatment was available. Last February, Stern surgically removed the cancerous lymph node that had signaled the failure of the taxol treatment. Five weeks of almost daily radiation therapy followed.

Then last February came the first bit of qualified good news. A MRI scan was negative. A second MRI in May also was negative.

Maxine is far from declaring victory; the battle has been too tough and the odds against her too great. "If the cancer doesn't come back, I'll be very happy. But if it does, I'd like to be able to accept it. Right now I'm fine and that's all that matters."

— Marshall Krantz

(For more information about the gynecological oncology program at UCSF, call 476-1393.)

Tom Wachs

To Our Neighbors

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New Research Center for Study of Cardiovascular Disease

Despite Perception, U.S. Faces Shortage of Dentists

UCSF Chancellor Pledges to Reach Out

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UCSF Chancellor Pledges to Reach Out to Community

UCSF Chancellor Joseph B. Martin, MD, PhD, pledged in his first address to the campus to build new bridges of understanding between the campus and the community. Bay Area residents deserve to hear clear messages about the contributions UCSF makes to the community and the responsibilities it accepts, Martin told the UCSF faculty and staff.

In his July 14 speech, Martin acknowledged that hard times face the campus in the form of budget cuts, intolerable space constraints, and a loss of public trust. But Martin also reminded the campus of the unquestioned greatness of UCSF's teaching, research and medical care, and he pledged to lead the campus and the community toward a new era of cooperation and an even greater future.

"We must earn the public trust. This will be my highest priority," said Martin, who assumed the position of chancellor on July 1. "We must be as good as our word. We must tell the truth without hedging our bets. I'm willing to put my integrity on the line, and I will expect the leadership of UCSF to do the same."

Although the public's attention has been drawn in recent years to problems facing the campus, Martin described UCSF as a unique institution that continues to make invaluable contributions. It acts as a powerful economic engine for the Bay Area. It provides some of the most advanced medical care and distinguished research accomplishments in the country and the world. And it not only educates the next generation of scientists, pharmacists, physicians, nurses and dentists, but puts that knowledge to work in the community through programs such as the Science & Health Education Partnership, through which UCSF brings first class science instruction to the public schools.

"We are a responsible member of the community," Martin said. "Our research does not endanger lives, it saves them. We are part of the community, not apart from it."

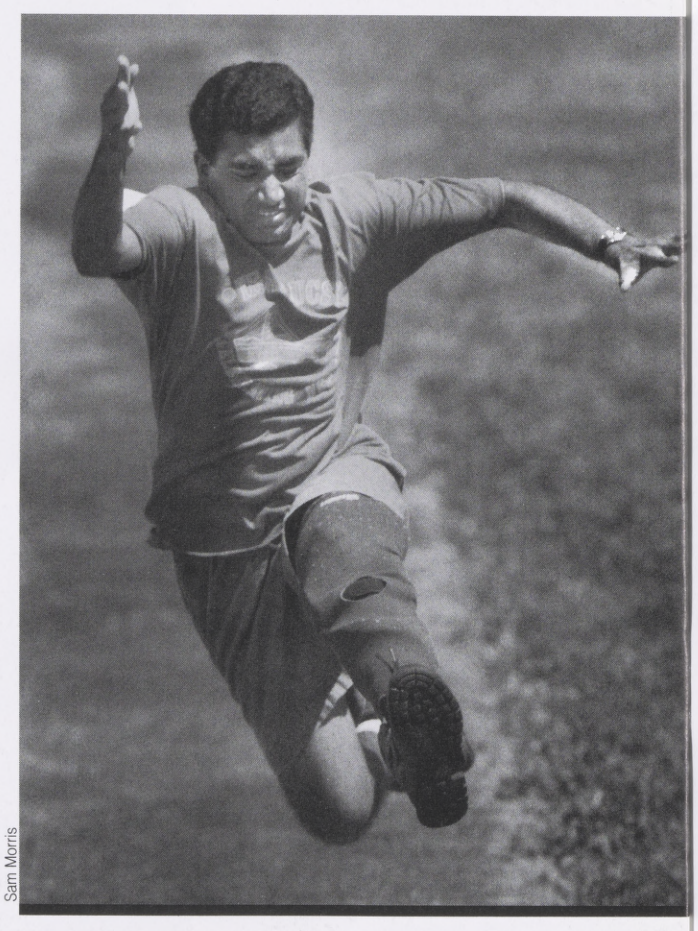
But the process of building bridges and maintaining UCSF's excellence will demand bold steps in the coming months, Martin cautioned. Continuing state budget reductions and impending federal health care reforms, for example, are forcing a re-examination of UCSF's role in training health care providers. Regardless of the final form of the federal plan, Martin predicted that pressure will remain to train more primary care providers — nurses, dentists, pharmacists and physicians.

But UCSF's space crisis remains the single most important problem facing the campus. Martin discussed three short-term alternatives.

The possibility of obtaining the Letterman Army Institute of Research (LAIR) building in the Presidio remains under active discussion with the National Park Service. Several practical and financial questions must be answered before UCSF decides whether to make a formal proposal.

Another option involves the possible lease of laboratory space in San Francisco or a nearby community. Martin expects a decision by October.

A final short-term space concern involves the Laurel Heights building, in which UCSF has been prevented from developing new laboratory space due to legal challenges filed by a neighborhood group. Martin noted that he is studying the possibility of leasing a portion of the building and other options.



Sam Morris

1993 Transplant Games

Some 50 people who received transplants at UCSF competed in the 1993 Transplant Games held in the Bay Area for the first time this year. UCSF representatives participated in every event, including track & field, tennis, cycling, swimming and golf, and took 13 of 35 medals. Above, Somil Gandhi, a student at Santa Clara University, captures a silver medal. Gandhi received a living related kidney transplant at UCSF in 1991.